

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-34, and 42-47 are pending in the application. Exemplary support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

#### **Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-34, and 42-47 have been rejected under 37 C.F.R. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

The claims have been carefully reviewed, and amended where appropriate, to ensure compliance with all sections of 35 USC § 112. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that there are still issues concerning 35 USC § 112, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that such issues can be promptly resolved.

**Conclusion**

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time.

The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No.

02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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